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If our friends who facor us with manuscripts to they must in all cases send stamps for that purpose.

The Duty of Congress.

The wisdom that divided the powers of government in the United States between three departments conceived in this distribution to lie the last and final bulwark of liberty. Congress sits as no one of its predecessors has been called on to repel. Characterized by the Executive with words of infamy that spell its degradation to resents, beholding it assailed with scorn and contempt, awaits its adequate defence of its honor and the performance of its duty as an integral part of our political structure.

On Tuesday, December 8, the insult members of Congress was more maniand record, to the Executive chamber, arrival, on highest authority, hints, intimation and boasts of what the President as lawbreakers and criminals.

Here, then, is the issue that, precipitated without warning, now dwarfs and hides all others in its vital appeal to intelligent patriotism. The Execulawmaking department obey his will and obligations. The nation, scarcely crediting its senses, watches dumbly the raid on liberty.

however creditable, is in the circumstances inadmissible, to avoid the national shame which is in this situacrevice every trail of espionage, every track of the informer. In the light of day it must reveal to a numbed and wondering nation what there is of baseness, of corruption, of wrongdoing. This it must do though high names be sullied and shame spread on the people. lutions and half hearted ineffectualness; if it does not probe to the lowest

disposal of the then newly inaugurated the transient omnipotence in impo- souciant to defy his enemies and re-

in a precarious position if Turkey were which after "Christianizing England" sufficient to the needs of Venezuela. Austria, for in that event the relatively at Waterloo. Here is a significant, as another's. enlightened soldiers quartered in Mace- homely glimpse of the two brothers at is on whom the Turkish reformers Oxford from a contemporary:

powered by reactionary levies from Anatolia. That is why it was hoped by those who sympathize with the progressive party that the questions raised by the high handed conduct of Austria and Bulgaria would ere now have been settled on a pecuniary basis, and it is gratifying to learn that such an accommodation may vet be reached and that owing to a more conciliatory attitude of the Vienna Government a European conference will be held. Now, however, the quid pro quo to be given for the encroachments of Austria and Bulgaria on Turkey's sovereign rights will be a subject of discussion in the Ottoman national assembly, and an adjustment of conflicting interests may not be accomplished without some delay.

Now that, thanks to the proofs of good will given by Great Britain, France and Russia, the danger of foreign aggression seems limited to the acts already performed by Austria and Bulgaria, it looks as if the Turkish national assembly meets under better auspices than did the first Russian Duma. For whereas the Czar Nicholas II. retained in his hands the whole military case with the Sultan ABDUL HAMID. starting a new Church. He has absolutely no control over the wish to have rejected articles returned soldiers stationed in Macedonia, who alone in the absence of a European war obey the Turkish reformers. To provide for that pay, however, it is indisthe current budget of £8,000,000 (Turkunder a destructive imputation such be met only by accepting the pecuniary indemnities offered for the usurpations of Austria and Bulgaria, or through the place of lackey, it sees the respect just how complete is the ascendency clesiæ Anglicanæ Presbyter JOHANNES." and confidence of the public shattered exercised by the well informed and and wrecked. The constituency it rep- long headed men who compose the to differ," he writes. "Have the people revolution known to history.

The Grand Street Fire.

The failure of the high pressure water supply at the fire in Grand street on the world. of the Executive to the Legislature was Wednesday calls renewed attention to communicated to Senate and House. a serious defect in the management of That night there was murmuring. On the Fire Department of this town. The the next day the sensitiveness of the failure was attributable to an accident of a sort which is likely to occur at any time. According to I. M. DE VERONA, fest. And as their complaint rose in chief engineer of the Department of volume and increased in intensity the Water Supply, it was caused by the chief of spies was summoned, with file blowing off of a valve at the dead end of a main at Broome and Centre streets. whence issued from the moment of his The main there is exposed owing to the construction of the bridge loop subway. It had been braced up together with the valve by the subway contractor, but would do to those who dared to resent the bracing had partially given way in any manner hisdenunciation of them and the valve thus weakened could not withstand the pressure turned on in Tesponse to the fire signal.

For half an hour, it is said, the fire spread unchecked in the absence of water. The fire could probably have been put out in short order and could certive, armed with alleged reports of paid tainly have been prevented from gaining spies and informers, attacks with fero- the headway it did if the fire companies cious malignity the Legislature. Threat- present had been supplied with chemening with public roin and private dis- ical engines. New York, however, does not employ such engines except in the grace those individuals who dare opon chemical apparatus in fighting ordiand surrender its constitutional duties nary fires. Chemical fire engines are equipped to throw a powerful stream greatly surpassing water in efficiency. and their value has been thoroughly established by experience. Not long Congress has seemed to hesitate. It ago the Merchants Association recommay be that it finds its justification mended an adequate equipment of for its meekness in the desire which, chemical apparatus, throughout the city, "so that at least two of the companies responding to every alarm shall be equipped with chemical tanks of large size." The wisdom of this recomtion, alas, inevitable. Congress must mendation must be apparent when it begin a merciless inquiry of every de- is found that an accident so slight from ail of the Government secret service, a mechanical point of view as the blow-It must pursue to the last corner and ing off of a valve can put the water system out of use completely for the space of half an hour.

Charles Wesley.

ember 18, 1708, according to contemporary biographers and a tradition unquestioned till recently and then not

rely might be outnumbered and over- "Jonn was alarmed whenever CHARLES on. vagaries and habits of the man? There

short sighted, he would sometimes walk right against his brother's table and perhaps over-

table were all arrayed in careful order, and if "methodist" meant nothing but of his first claim to the title. CHARLES was considered by contemporaries the more rousing preacher of the two; he proclaimed the Word like a herald," and it was he who poured forth the vividest battle songs of the campaign;

CHARLES went on the "Georgia mission" and abandoned it for the same reason that afterward sent JOHN homeconnection with Methodism-the indifference of the colonists to ritual distinctions. At thirty he was "converted," three days before JOHN, and the pair began "itinerancy and field preaching" at the same time. For seventeen years CHARLES too rode about the land as a gospeller, and when he married he took his wife with him on a pillion. In short, in sowing the force of the State, the opposite is the JOHN, though he lagged behind him in if the Powers persisted.

It is this last fact of course which has obscured CHARLES'S services to the has shown that so long as their regular to the world than the founding of the pay is forthcoming these troops will Methodist Church. CHARLES was irreconcilably opposed to secession from the Anglican body. He never quar- and telepathic influence or is too much pensable to make good the deficit in relled with JOHN, but he sharply condemned his ordinations. His hymns on ish) or about \$32,000,000. This deficit can the eucharist plainly teach the "real presence." He wrote to a friend that he would rather "see him smiling in his coffin than a dissenting minister." In the procurement of a foreign loan, one of his last letters he addressed his and the one thing is probably contin- brother in playful rebuke by a title of gent on the other. We shall soon see which John had once been fond-"Ec-"Stand by your proposal: let us agree Young Turk party and who have thus given you leave to die, E. A. P. J.?" far carried out the most bloodless But with the pure spirit of Methodism word on the subject from the highest au-CHARLES was always overflowing, the thority. He includes only two Yale playspirit of living religion freed from any ers. Coy and Goebel, and they both dedeadening influences of culture, formal- serve the distinction. ism or class distinctions, and no man did more than he to spread it through

Not for nothing did the work originate in Oxford. It was as genuinely difference between the two: Methodism of was a reaction against the Oxford at- the following: mosphere; tractarianism an intensiwhether through repulsion or attraction. of a career usually leaves a distinct and pened to the pioneer who first bore the name of Methodist. He was borne to m fitting carriers of the bier.

The most tangible memorial of CHARLES WESLEY survives in his hymns. Where JOHN translated, he composed originals, more than 6,000, of which words," as "Jesu, Lover of My Soul," 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "Oh. the Day That Sees Him Rise," "Christ contemporary replied thus; "Had he ready to fight for the nation's life? been so unfaithful to Him who called him as to forsake Paradise for Parnassus, the Lord might have taken away even these natural gifts." Conclusive or not. the answer is certainly in harmony with CHARLES'S own view. He despised art for art's sake and regarded the gift of speech as an evil unless it was reduced to a humble handmaid of religion. His considerable classical culture-John and he always talked Latin togetherhe deliberately tried to exclude from his literary work.

Castro the Absent.

pleasures, his designs and his status and abiding. CHARLES WESLEY was born on De- varies from day to day, and according Last year, largely through the timely as you are credulous or cynical you be-lieve it or not. He is in Berlin to invest his fortune "of \$40,000,000"; he is there to ten thousand persons. Great was the If it contents itself with mere reso- refuted. The historian TYERMAN as- persuade Germany to raise the Dutch variety of this help, and could our friends serts that "the Methodist movement blockade. He is an invalid and sufferwas not begun by WESLEY but by his ing, preparing for the surgeon's knife; brother CHARLES," and the name of he is gormandizing and quaffing rich who had been subjected to cold. depths the activities of the agents of "methodist" was first given to the latter about 1727, when the elder brother ter about 1727, when the elder brother the teresure.

with Servia, followed as it was by the was constitutionally feeble and subject a diligence to the capital? He died at war with Russia, placed a large body of to depression. He was absent minded, Victoria—such was the report solsoldiers, drawn largely from the most uncertain, unpractical. On the other emply circulated; and on the heels of it benighted regions of Asia Minor, at the hand he had the intense if fitful ardor, he appeared at Caracas sound and in-Sultan, ABDUL HAMID, who made use tence of the poet-"magotty," JOHN sume negotiations with the exasperated of them to abolish the liberal Consti- called him in acknowledging his su- Powers. Whether CIPRIANO CASTRO is premacy as a bard. He was the "ge- a master of mendacity and a pettifogger The present Parliament would also be nius" of the Wesley or Wellesley stock, or the soul of truth and a statesman the rest? ow embroiled in war with Bulgaria or broadened the path of empire for her one man's opinion seems to be as good

> Who ever heard of so odd and supple a ruler and of a country so suited to the

tered his study. Full of the muse and being have been predecessors who depleted the treasury and went into luxurious exile in Paris, the heaven of Venezuelan politicians; when they decamped It is certain that the papers on JOHN'S their public career was ended and the country knew them no more. "Castro's been born in America. All the amend- water exquisitely related, yet so unlike; methodical" there could be no question Atlantic from his hotel in Berlin, despite afforded these two men of genius with may first imagine. The entire scene is glory. The Dutch blockade goes on, several poets of distinction whose work Laurel" be passed without loving conseems to be less concerned by the reports ole, though their hair was kinky and their mood, patterns are varied with the acof a state of war than CASTRO, the hero (or the villain) of the diplomatic drama. name them. A quite modern instance The little man in one report is dismissing is the Afro-American artist Mr. Henry the affair as of no consequence and O. Tanner, who has won a position in an odd enough reason it seems now in having a lapse of memory about the Paris as a painter of themes religious. identity of the coast guard vessels and in addition has enjoyed the enviacaptured by the Dutch; and in another report he is intimating shrewdly that if the blockade is not called off Venezuela will not be able to pay her indemnity to the European Powers. It will be recalled that when those same Powers were blockading her seaports CASTRO procured arbitration by pleading that Venezuelan commerce was being despirit he had at least an equal part with stroyed and there would be no dividends

> Meanwhile JUAN VINCENTE GOMEZ presides at Caracas with loyalty and efficiency. The mob demonstrates, but and proved true to his trust, makes no response. Whether Castro the absent keeps things straight by magnetic feared to be resisted, who can tell? The Dutch blockade may savor of burlesque and the Queen's navy may be as helpless to attack as the Venezuelans are to make war; but it is quite impossible to dismiss CASTRO as a freak, a pretender and a nonentity when he has played the game of diplomacy, whether with marked cards or trumps, so successfully against all comers.

> Mr. WALTER CAMP'S All-America, football team may be regarded as the last

Physical tests prescribed by the Commander in Chief for officers of the Marine Corps should, at least once a year, give the service as fine a lot of short distance has been said. The pictures will be sold runners as any army possesses, who in in the ordinary way. an "Oxford movement" as that to which the charge and retreat would distinguish for sale, being lent by the Carnegie Instithe title is commonly assigned. In themselves. We refer to the marching tute, the Art Institute of Chicago, the regard to origin there is simply this prospectus for line officers of the grade captain or lieutenantein which occurs

"In battle time is essential, and have to be covered on the run; if these officers fication of it. But the starting point, are not equal to the average physical strength of their companies the men will be held back, resulting in unnecessary loss of life and probable defeat. Company officers will therefore lasting impress on it, and so it hap- required during one of the marching periods to double time two hundred yards, with a half minute's rest; then three hundred wards, with one his grave by six Anglican clergymen, two hundred yard dash, making in all seven hundred yards on the 'double time,' with one and larly modern and a relief to the eye after

These "dashes" are to be taken once several hundreds are still in common officers will be tempted to train for it - ner landscapes and interiors are genuse, some of them literally "household once in two years. In the long intervals erally airless. Its sky recalls some of the between tests they would naturally be dark luminous skies of Le Sidaner or Cotreluctant to keep on edge, and an emer- tet or Simon. The habitat seems real. for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Hail gency would find them scant of breath. It is precisely because of his low tones, soft of muscle and perhaps full in flesh. his smothered harmonies and careful With due respect for the flat of the Com- generalizations that Tanner will win the the Lord Is Risen To-day." It ha been mander in Chief, would it not be better suffrages of those who see in sombre hues of the great poets of his country. A always be at the top of condition and

CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR.

An Appeal From President Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: After a lengthened and varied experience in connection with philapthropic work I deem that phase the most practical and present tense philanthropy and that method the most logical and direct which takes the Christmas cheer, whether in the form of food, clothing, fuel or money, into the home. It is one thing, and doubtless proves a helpful form of benevolence, to meet the requirements of those experiencing hunger the existence of some article of clothing to a child exposed to the cold, or a substan-General Castro is as much of a mystal tery in Berlin, as he was in Caracas or children in their own home, or the sum that Victoria. News about his health, his is yet necessary to pay the rent, is the posi-

contributing have witnessed the glee upon the children's faces, the gratitude by parents and the joy expressed by those

methodist 'was first given to the later about 1727, when the elder brother lievable accounts find credence throughout the country, it will confess its debasement and dishonor, admit the incapacity of representative government, and give to free institutions a blow more destructive than has yet been struck. At this point it seems not unreached. At this point it seems not unreached the treasure of the point it seems not unreached and between the method of single fine the terms which should be used to describe adequately and appropriately this inconceivable assault on a coordinate department of the United States, and fifty to set forth the quality of its unhappy author.

The Turkish Parliament Opened.

The Parliament Which was opened yeter day in Constantinople has a better prespect of stability than its prefected was the president of stability than its prefected was the prospect of stability than its prefected was the paradoxes of history.

CHARLES was an undergraduate at Christ Church. CHARLES describes the incident thus:

"My ## Star at college! lost in my diversions."

The next to the weekly sacra.

The point it seems not unreached.

The time to the weekly sacra and the point it seems not unreached and between the method and observe the method is accompany me and observe the method is

Hemor of the Ball Field. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Following the Pittsburg humorist who rises to remark that the Cubs ought to be called artisans because there is an Archer, a Tinker, a Butcher, a Marshell and a Miller on the team, the habit of pun-ning is very Klinging. I should say it was. But why don't they give the German carpenter mann a Chance to don his Overalls he rest? HENET WILKING, Jr.
SCRANTON, Pa., December 16.

Ris Reason. Santa Claus explained why he came but one

Herewith he prepared for his trip

TWO AMERICAN PAINTERS.

It would be interesting to speculate color dubious. It is not necessary to ble honor of having two canvases purchased by the French Government. They now hang in the Luxembourg. We have seen them and admire the practical spirit equality displayed by the French. Otherwise, they hardly rank more than mediocre productions. But here in the land of the free and un

equal, where the skim musical milk of Stephen Foster so long passed as African melody, would we have accorded Mr. Tanner the recognition due him? He solved the question for himself by going years ago to France and studying there with the masters whose style and methods were cause, though the spirit of Methodism is subdued. To the voice of the tempter son S. Morris, in his little word of introin harmony with his nature. Mr. Harriwill dominate the capital. Experience has undeniably been of wider import Gomez, who has sat on the lid before duction to the exhibition of Tanner's works now at the American Art Galleries. in Madison square, south, does not tell us with whom this painter studied. His is not an original, creative temperament. He was content to follow in the broad. facile highway of men like Laurens, L'Hermitte and half a dozen others. Rather timid, often fumbling. Tanner at his best is very agreeable. The son of a Bishop, he has, unlike the majority of clergymen's sons, a distinctly religious senso. He evidently selected sacred subjects from inclination. He is very sincere and earnest. You can well believe the stories told of his trips to the Holy Land, of his Biblical erudition. A delineator of pious parables, he has not the swift brush and definite vision of James Tissot, but he is unquestionably a more fervent believer. and his work never smells of commercialism as did Tissot's. Nevertheless, it is largely the outcome on the technical side of studio "cookery," of the fatal tendency toward eclecticism. There are thirty-three pictures at this

> show, which is to close in ten days and will not be followed by a public sale as Pennsylvania Academy, Mr. Rodman Wanamaker and Atherton Curtis. Mr. Tanner is sentimental He sees the sacred figures and events he sets before us emotionally. A slender streak of imagina tion which often aids his not very individual technical equipment is to be discerned. But his art is popular. It makes and guard rails intact, and other telltale an appeal to those who love the anecdote. Seldom does he rise to the sublimity of arus. "The Hiding of Moses" is singuso many confused color schemes. "Christ on the Road to Bethany" derives its posing. Properly speaking, it consists of in two years. Now it is obvious that effect purely from its landscape, which a series of houses built around a circle and as the test is very searching and one that is the best handled and realized in the connected one with another by gallefies, only men who are very fit could complete, gallery. It is atmospheric, and the Tan-

asked whether Charles, if he had not to establish frequent tests of a less severe a resemblance to the old masters. There pose the extension and perpetuation of fire hydrants, although most other "turned religious," would have been one character, so that the Marine Corps would are suggestions of rich, veiled color in turned religious," but consider Patient, reverent art, this, but without various Christ heads shown us are sentimental and reminiscent. We admired much more the vigorous presentment of the old bearded Jew in turban, entitled "A Jerusalem Type." There is also dine in a third-always in the sun or in the strength in "The Two Disciples," which is in the Luxembourg (the first illustration of the catalogue). Mr. Tanner has worked hard and would resent any attempt to patronize him under cover of such a commonplace rubric as: "What and need in a temperary way, but to insure | wonderful work from a colored man!" He has been judged in Paris as a painter. independent of his mixed blood, and we are usurping the same privilege. Not a painter of the first rank, nor a virile painter, he is an artist of pious moods, who loes not altogether realize them. The little tract of uncrossed territory that lies between the imagined and the achieved Tanner seldom crosses; but he has nursed his dreams, and that is a rare case with artists nowadays. His exhibition is well worth seeing.

What more violent leap into a veritable

a visit to the Montross Gallery (372 Fifth avenue), there to see the Childe Hassams, after the misty Orientalisms of Tanner. Naturally it would be absurd often o'erweigh his capacity of expression; while the too fluent, too brilliant Hassam has expressed with a pantheistic fulness the glories of earth and sky, not until recently greatly concerning bimself with a Beyond; and without that Beyond painting, despite manual dexterity, will ever remain a matter of surfaces and treatments. Childe Hassam has been, still is, a robust pagan. As it did for Théophile Gautier, the visible world exists for phile Gautier, the visible world exists for the significant of the addresses emphasized the cosmopolitan nature of the addresses emphasized the cosmopolitan nature of the institution; as Mr. Bennett expressed it, "A place where all nations are welcome without respect to nationalities, a home where the sailors of the world may mingle, united by the common brotherhood of the sea."

The Javenter of the Holmes Note.

To the Editor of The Holmes Note.

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To the Holmes note, about which you have printed for the several interesting statements, was neither Mr. sion; while the too fluent, too brilliant the procedure of the masters he studied. His touch is Hassamesque. And now the new pictures begin to spell a new message. Is the Childe Harold of American landscape beginning to tire of sparkling amethyst waters? Is the golden hot sunlight palling? Surely something has happened to what the New Thought peo- and his methods have been corre ple would call Hassam's Psyche. That Beyond-là bas-les nuages! as our old saturnine Baudelaire puts it, is beginning to haunt the consciousness of this seous; his massing of tones is as intoxicating as ever, but there is a mirage peeping over his blue hills and long reach of gilded sands.

The desert! That's the key. Childe Hassam has been in the Harney Desert. He has felt its lonely beauty, its bewildering symphony of colors. Look at that stormy sky, or the picture on the opposite wall, "Painted Butte." Or "The Rainbow with its modulated chromatic splendor. is a subject that has been more vigorously | right

handled by Maufra and Paul Dougherty: but Hassam in his gradation of semitones is twice as subtle as either. We pon the odd twist given the career of note the growing lyric impulse in the the elder and younger Dumas if either "Golden Head-Isle of Shoals," a dishad been so unfortunate as to have criminating study in values, the sky and soberly and in good form, and no one may be found scattered in the anthologies sideration. The entire gallery chimes who are suphemistically described as Cre- an iridescent chorus. Mood melts into customed Montross deftness. Above all always pinned to his canvas the things Mrs. Sage said: he has seen. He seems now disposed to give us a more personal interpretation. Perhaps he may, like Childe Roland, come to the Dark Tower of the Beyond.

OLD ST. JOHN'S.

Its Maintenance as a Relic in Line With the Policy of Trinity Corporation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: So Corporation for public devotion to sentiment that its assurance that it has not yet taken action for the demolition of St. John's Chapel in Varick atreet will be accepted immediately by the public as a pledge that the interesting and Philadelphia some years ago. At that historic structure will be preserved. To be

his "does not in any way imply that the building is to be made away with.' maintenance of the abandoned church as an object of antiquarian and aristic interest would of course be entirely within the power and province of the Trinty Corporation. Indeed that corporation now possesses some of the most interesting relics of the past to be found in Manhattan, and its stern determination not to allow their destruction has frequently evoked the most heated comments. The almost inconceivable labors put forth by the corporation in behalf of ancient dwelling places, its passionate defence of the old ways in opposition to the invading and conoclastic plumber, will never be forgotten by the public. Even to-day the student the housing problem resorts to real estate owned by the Trinity Corporation to inform himself on the most intricate and delicate points of pre-tenement reform living conditions.

But of the propriety of discontinuing ser-vices in St. John's there can be no doubt. The books of Trinity Corporation show that was unprofitable. This argument is un-NEW YORK, December 17.

RUSSIAN COUNTRY HOUSE.

Series of Buildings Around a Circle and

Connected by Galleries. From the London Evening Standard The approach to a great house in Russia s not marked by any signs visible to the unaccustomed eye, for Russia is a boundless land in every sense. For a mile or more we had noticed that the ditches were deep and lean, with properly built culverts, the avenue leading to the home park, and soon reached the house, passing by a monument erected by the peasantry to the memory of Alexander II., the Can Emancipator.

Built in the days of the Great Catherine the ancient house is rather curious than im

circle to the obelisks run the living houses, which are one storied buildings, the whole simple to bareness, without architectural the "Christ and Nicodemus"; but consider drive is a perfect circle, and the whole space the conventional postures and patterns left in the centre and at the sides is occupied and monotonous quality of the big can- by a flower garden such as can only be vas "The Coming of the Bridegroom." seen in great houses after many generations of culture. Field cannon, captured a spark of the inmost spiritual light. The century ago in battle from the Turks, flank several of the house doors. ing impression is of unpretentious comfort

and peace abiding.
You breakfast in one room or closed gallery or open terrace, lunch in another, shade, away from the wind or the driving rain and snow, moving around the circ according to the hour of the day or the weather conditions of the changing sear as the fancy of those concerned may suggest. There is one striking peculiarity in herent in this form of house; with the exception of the state rooms, in the principal puilding, there is not a rectangular room to be found. The front and back walls of the other buildings are true arcs of a circle, and the society an autographed portrait of incidentally have provided opportunity for the inventiveness of the masters of the President Roosevelt was also presented cabinet maker's art in the days when beauty by the Rev. George McPherson Hunter. and utility were wedded for all time.

Cricket Fights.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin in Philadelphia's Chinatown there is a Pekin ese set that pursues cricket fighting madly Cricket fighting, a national sport in the Celesti kingdom, is odd to see. Crickets are trained. They are exercised and dieted, and daily, before Armida's garden of art can be taken than a match, smaller, sweaker crickets are opposed to a visit to the Montross Gallery (372 Fifth them, that they may work out for themselves

good fighting systems. In matches the betting is very high. The ose fortunes over crickets, as American to make comparisons. Each man seeks ionaires lose fortunes over race horses. A good his own chimers. The visions of Tanner cricket fight will last half an hour. The opposing crickets, each in a tube like a box stall, are droppe into a ring with a wall around it about six inches high. A combatant, to win, must throw his rival

phile Gautier, the visible world exists for the Holmes note, about which you have printed him. Unlike Tanner he has assimilated several interesting statements, was neither Mr. John Holmes of Oxford, Me., as mentioned b Mr. Sturgis, nor Mr. Rawson Holmes, as explained by my old friend Mr. W. A. Pidgin of the Lewis. ton Journal, but the late Mr. Eleazar Austin Holmes of Norway, Oxford county, Me. Mr. Rawson Holmes was a twin brother of Eleaza Austin Holmes, while John was another brother All dealt more or less in live stock, but Mr Eleazar Austin Holmes was a very large operator in some of the letters to THE SUN. He invented the Holmes note as a very necessary form of conveyance on somewhat clusive pr ime. It is still an article of considerable manu painter. His palette is none the less gor- facture in Norway, and the editor of the Oxford ounty Adsertiser regularly announces that he has olmes notes for sale at the moderate price of three cents each in blank

Keyhole Plays a Cornet.

"Maybe you don't believe a keyhole can play cornet " said a West Philadelphian yesterday, but it can if you get the right kind of a keybole. "The other night I was going home on the elevated and it was blowing a right brisk westerly wind. The wind whistled through the keyhole with its modulated chromatic splendor. The old Hassam is here, too; there is a "Little June Idyl," a reduction of a favorite picture; and the Lyme Church enveloped in tender spring airs. "A Provincetown Spar Yard" was finished in 1900 and has gained a cool ripe quality with the years. "Seaweed at Low Tide" tieta street station the keyl

MRS. SAGE A RAFLROAD WOMAN. So She Says at the L. I. Ratirond Y. M. C. A. Building Dedication. Mrs. Rusself Hage and Miss He Gould were guesta of honor at the dedication of the new Long Island Railroad

official influence reaches across the ments of our Constitution would not have and not an opaque background, as you Y. M. C. A. in Borden and West avenues Long Island City, vesterday afternoon the desecration of statues and memo- their "taint" of African blood the chance poetic. This is a new note in the Hassam Exclusive of the ground on which it stand rials raised in Caracas to his honor and they enjoyed in France. Also there were composition. Nor must that "Mountain the building cost \$100,000, all of which was contributed by Mrs. Sage. Her gift was to the railroad men in particular and not so much to the Y. M. C. A., a point which was emphasized in an address made yesterday and which was confirmed by is the floating sense of spiritual problems nods from Mrs. Sage, who sat on the attacked, if not overcome. Hassam has platform with Miss Gould. In her address

"I am a railroad woman. I have lived with the railroad men-Miss Gould has done the same; therefore all our sympathies are with you. I am glad to meet you on the trains-the man on the engine, the man who comes in and takes my ticket; and the man who touches any other man and makes the world better is the railroad man. I am glad to speak to you on this occasion, where Christ firmly established is the reputation of the Himself would be glad to say to you. "Come unto me and be mine." where you must be if you hope to be with

sure services are to be discontinued in the chapel, and for religious purposes it is to be abandoned, but, as Bishop Greer says, told then that no man who drank or made bad use of his mind or was even discour-teous in his manner would be employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad. I have tested it since, and I know how true the on the Pennsylvania Railroad. I have tested it since, and I know how true the Pennsylvania Railroad has been to the enforcement of this rule. At this time I was presented with a badge; it was made of the first bell, it was metal and had attached to it a ribbon of three colors—red, green and white—the meaning of which to the railroad men is danger, caution, safety. The three colors—red, green and white—on the badge also mean or should mean sin, salvation, eternal life. I give them to you now."

President Ralph Peters, for the Long Island Railroad, conveyed the property to the Y. M. C. A., and it was accepted by Clarence A. Hicks, the international secretary. Edward P. Lyon, President of the Brocklyn Y. M. C. A., and Frank E. Haff, secretary of the Long Island Railroad and chairman of the committee hamed to manage the new association

named to manage the new association building, also spoke.

MAY NOT NEED EXTRA TRACKS. Signalling System Will Reduce Subway Trains' Headway.

To do away with the congestion in the Subway between Ninety-sixth and 103d streets the Interborough company some time ago drew up plans for two extra tracks between those points. The old Rapid Transit Commission approved and the money was appropriated by the Board of Estimate. Of the \$800,000 thus appropriated there has been spent between \$50,000 and \$70,000, but for the last month practically all work on the improvement bridges over wayside streams were of sound has been stopped. It was explained yesterday by the officials of the Interborough company that as a result of experiments with a new signalling system there might be no need of the extra tracks

This system, it was explained yesterday by General Manager Hedley of the Interborough company, is known as the speed control signalling system. The signalling devices now used in the subway do not connected one with another by galleries, closed and open. The circle of buildings is broken only by the entrance gates, which are flanked by two tall obelisks, repeated at the outer end of the avenue of approach. Opposite the entrance gates stands the principal house, a two storied building containing the state reception rooms and chambers of honor.

From this on either side right around in a front this on either side right around in a solution. The "speed control," however, allows a rear train to enter a block until it has been cleared by the train ahead. The "speed control," however, allows a rear train to enter a block until it has been cleared by the train ahead. The "speed control," however, allows a rear train to enter a block until it has been cleared by the train ahead. The "speed control," however, allows a rear train to enter a block until it has been cleared by the train ahead. The "speed control," however, allows a rear train to enter a block until it has been cleared by the train ahead. The "speed control," however, allows a rear train to enter a closed block, but only at a reduced speed, and if this speed should be exceeded the electric motive power of the train is automatically cut off. Service Commission in January last by Bion J. Arnold, he stated that the signal-ling system on the express train to enter a block until it has been cleared by the train ahead. The "speed control," however, allows a rear train to enter a closed block, but only at a reduced speed, and if this speed should be exceeded the electric motive power of the train is automatically cut off. Service Commission in January last by Bion J. Arnold, he stated that the signal-ling system on the express train to enter a block until it has been cleared by the train ahead. permit an express train to enter a block ling system on the express tracks should be so altered as to permit of running trains on a less headway than the two minute service which now exists. The Interborough company has not only been experimenting along the lines suggested by Mr. Arnold, but has improved on his ideas, and if the Public Service Commission should agree to the plans which have sion should agree to the plans which have been presented by the company it will mean an increase of about 33 1-3 per cent. in the capacity of the express lines. The two minute headway now maintained will be reduced to about a third of two min-

The commission will act on the project

GIFTS TO SEAMAN'S SOCIETY. Four Consuls-General Present Portraits of Their Bulers.

The Consuls-General of Great Britain Germany, Italy and Denmark were the guests at a luncheon yesterday at the American Seaman's Friend Society, 507 West street, and afterward each gave to his sovereign. A signed photograph of

secretary of the organization. The portraits were placed on the stage at one end of the assembly room in which the luncheon was held, and as each Consul rose to make the formal presentation

sul rose to make the formal presentation an orchestra played the anthem of his country and the flag which had covered the picture was drawn back.

Dr. Stoddard, president of the society presided and introduced Consul-General Karl Buenz, who represented Kaiser Wilhelm; A. Raybaudi Massiglia, the Italian Consul-General; Courtenay W. Bennett, who spoke for Edward VII., and Martin J. C. T. Clan as the representative of Denmark. In behalf of the society the portraits were accepted by Arthur von Briesen, Capt. C. B. Parsons, Augustus T. Post and Dr. John B. Calvert. Each of the addresses emphasized the coamo-

who built the society's new headquarters.

GEN. WESTON ON HIS WAY HOME. Will Be Succeeded at Manila by Gen.

Bliss and Later by Gen. Duvall. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Major-Gen. John F. Weston has relinquished command of the Philippines division. He sailed on Tuesday from Manila for San Francisco on the transport Sheridan. Gen. Weston was authorized by the Secretary of War to leave the Philippines on account of ill health. He has been transferred to command the Department of California.

command the Department of California, with headquarters at San Francisco. He will be placed on the retired list for age in November, 1909.

Brig.-Gen. Tasker H. Bliss has been designated to command the Philippines division until the arrival of Major-Gen. William P. Duvall. Assistant Chief of Staff, who will sail from New York on February 15 on the transport Kilpatrick, arriving at Manila about the middle of April. Gen. Bliss will then proceed to Washington for duty in the War Department, probably as Assistant Chief of Staff

Bill to Double President's Salary. Washington, Dec. 17 .- Senator Bourne

of Oregon, author of the "second elec-tive term," introduced a bill to-day in-creasing the salary of the President to \$100,000 and the Vice-President's eslary